IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Pierre BERNARD

Application No.: 10/682,541

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For: DEVICE FFOR IMMOBILIZING A CONNECTING ROD IN AN

OSSEOUS ANCHORING ELEMENT FO A RACHIDIAN IMPLANT

Examiner: David COMSTOCK

Group Art Unit: 3733

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 5,

2008.

Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.